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Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 9th line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "organization" the following: 'or a nonaccredited program determined equivalent by the board'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 21 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**‘Sec. 2 Application. Resolved:** That the rules as amended pursuant to this resolve apply to an application for a license as a pastoral counselor filed from April 1, 2009 to June 1, 2009. Application materials that have been previously submitted to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure are not required to be resubmitted for new applications during this time period.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure to amend its rules governing licensed pastoral counselors to allow the board to approve educational requirements in a nonaccredited program determined equivalent by the board. This amendment also removes the provision requiring retroactive application of this resolve and provides instead that the rule changes apply only for applications for licensure as a pastoral counselor filed from April 1, 2009 to June 1, 2009. It also provides that any application materials that have been previously submitted to the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure are not required to be resubmitted for new applications during this time period.

## FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)